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REQUEST For CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Address to: MAIL STOP RCE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. BOX 1450 ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450 (Revised 01/2003)	Application Number 09/497,383
	Filing Date February 2, 2000
	First Named Inventor: Bahr, et al.
	Art Unit: 2143
	Examiner Name: George C. Neurater
	Confirmation No.: 7431
	Attorney Docket No. 047307/258663

This is a request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

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1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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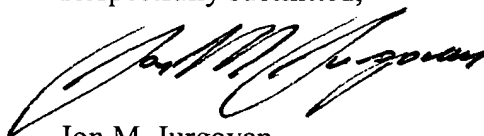
- a. ☐ Previously submitted
 - i. ☐ Consider the amendments(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on ____ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
 - iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☒ Enclosed
 - i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
 - ii. ☐ Affidavits(s)/Declarations(s)
 - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS); of cites listed on PTO Form 1449
 - iv. ☐ Other

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of ____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is **required** by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiencies, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
(\$750.00 large entity; \$375.00 small entity)
- ii. ☐ Extension of Time Fee (37 C.F. R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$____enclosed

Respectfully submitted,

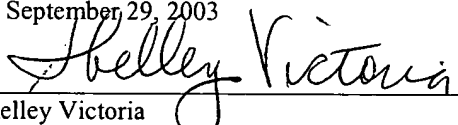


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